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SITUATION REPORT

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Winter Ice Storm

January 31, 2002 0800 hrs.

SITUATION: A large winter storm system containing snow, ice and rain has been affecting the Northwest 2/3ds of the state. The storm started during the day on Tuesday January 29 as rain changing to sleet to ice. As the temperatures dropped in the Northwest portion of the state the precipitation changed to snow, accumulation potential of 12". The system is expected to remain in the area until late Thursday or early Friday. As of this report, the major portion of the system has moved to the Southeast portion of the state as rain.

JURISDICTIONS:

Kansas City - EMD reported they opened their EOC at approximately 8:15 p.m. on January 30. Reported ice and sleet in the area since Tuesday. Though ice has covered most of the metro area, the area South of river hardest hit. Numerous fires due to downed power lines. Parks department assisting with downed tree limbs. American Red Cross activated. No shelters opened. Estimated approximately 270K out of power.

Independence - EMD reported numerous fires and answering other calls. No shelter opened. Estimated out of power. ARC operating a canteen. EOC full activation. Six major power sectors out. EOC, Police Department and city out of power.

Bates County - Cities of Adrian and Butler were without power but it was restored over night.. Butler has opened a shelter. MoDOT assisting with clearing roads. Numerous power lines down and fires resulting with debris impacting ability of fire and power crews to get to impacted areas.

Cass County - EMA reported 90% of county without power, debris all over, shelter open in Harrisonville with 28 people. Five cities without power. No ambulance service available for response. Eight structural fires so far.

Johnson County - Reported heavy ice accumulation, with power outages and numerous structure fires, 2 total losses. Mobile home park North of Warrensburg evacuated due to gas leak. Transformer fell into apartment complex causing the complex to be evacuated. One shelter

in Warrensburg opened with 40 people and a second one opened at Knob Noster, 0 in currently. Additional sheltering possible.

Pettis County - ARC has a shelter established at City Hall. Heavy ice causing power outages with numerous fires as a result.

Clay County - Liberty - State of Emergency, city only. Officials meeting this morning. No assistance requested. Lack of Power and debris biggest problems. Gladstone - Situation is similar to Liberty.

Lafayette, St. Clair and Henry County - No reported problems.

SEMA - Duty Officer began receiving calls at about 5:30 p.m. - no requests.

- Level 1 activation for SEMA declared at 2100 hrs., closed at 2400 hrs.
- Started calling counties South and East of Kansas City.
- Coordinated with American Red Cross on sheltering.
- Briefed Governor's Office, DPS Director and MOARNG.
- Contacted Public Service Commission. They reported they are bringing in crews to help KCPL to handle power outages, Sedalia to St. Joseph, additional support from out state crews being brought in.

Recapitulation of open shelters: 12 Total

- Harrisonville, MO
- Bates County - Butler Methodist Church
- Raytown City Hall
- Warrensburg Court House
- Knob Noster City Hall
- Marshall Presbyterian Church
- Carrollton
- Sedalia City Hall
- Liberty
- Gladstone
- Independence (2)

Forecast: National Weather Service forecasts the leading portion of the storm will move out of the state today. The storm will continue to produce precipitation, in the southeastern 1/2 of state, localized flooding possible. A following storm front, back edge of current storm system will pass through the state today bringing additional accumulations of snow, ice and rain. System forecasted to leave the state late today or early Friday.

SEMA is continuing to monitor the situation and coordinate with local officials, American Red Cross and Salvation Army on sheltering. There have been no requests from local officials at this point. Most areas will be faced with debris removal due to downed tree limbs.